

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
The Commission's Cable Horizontal and)	MM Docket No. 92-264
Vertical Ownership Limits)	

ORDER

Adopted: June 21, 2005

Released: June 22, 2005

Comment Date: August 8, 2005

Reply Comment Date: September 9, 2005

By the Acting Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On May 17, 2005, the Commission released its *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* ("*Second Further Notice*") in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The Commission set deadlines of July 8, 2005 for comments (30 days after publication in the Federal Register) and July 25, 2005 for reply comments (45 days after publication in the Federal Register).²

2. On June 10, 2005, the Media Access Project, filing on behalf of itself and other consumer groups, religious organizations and citizens groups ("MAP"), filed a request for an extension of time to file comments in response to the *Second Further Notice* in this proceeding so that comments would be due August 8, 2005, and reply comments would be due September 9, 2005.³ MAP states that more time is needed because the *Second Further Notice* asks complex and detailed questions that would require extensive research and analysis to answer; public interest organizations have significant limits on their resources, preventing them from responding to such complex questions in a short period of time, and other conflicting commitments, including other proceedings, make the initial deadline impossible to meet for these groups.⁴

¹ *In the Matter of the Commission's Cable Horizontal and Vertical Ownership Limits* (Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking), MM Docket No. 92-264, FCC 05-96, rel. May 17, 2005.

² Federal Register publication of the *Second Further Notice* occurred on June 8, 2005. Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 109, rel. June 8, 2005.

³ Request for Extension of Time to File Comments of Media Access Project, Consumers Union, Consumer Federation of America, Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc., Free Press, US PIRG, CCTV Center for Media and Democracy, The Vermont Access Network, Action Coalition for Media Education, Center for Creative Voices in Media, The Benton Foundation, The Association for Community Networking, Media Alliance, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ("*Request*") filed June 10, 2005.

⁴ *Request* at 3.

3. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted. We find, however, that there is good cause to extend the due dates for filing comments and reply comments to the *Second Further Notice*. We recognize that the *Second Further Notice* seeks comment on a broad range of proposals in the record, as well as recent developments in the industry. Further, the Commission has invited parties to undertake their own studies to further inform the record. In view of the complex and detailed questions and issues set forth in the *Second Further Notice*, and to assure the fullest possible public participation so that we can assemble a record that will help us to resolve the difficult issues in this proceeding, we find it appropriate to grant MAP's extension request. The deadlines for initial and reply comments are hereby extended to August 8, 2005, and September 9, 2005, respectively.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that MAP's Request for Extension of Time to File Comments and Reply Comments in the above-captioned proceeding is GRANTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j) and 155 (c), and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.6, 0.283, and 1.46, the date for filing comments in MM Docket No. 92-264 is extended until August 8, 2005, and the date for filing reply comments is extended to September 9, 2005.

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